



Directed Federal Funding Requests for the Third District Submitted by Rep. Moore as part of the FY2010 Appropriations Process

The requests below are divided by the House Appropriations subcommittees to which the request was made.

AGRICULTURE

Kansas State University: Preharvest Food Safety, KS

Request Amount: \$142,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Kansas State University
110 Anderson Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

Explanation of the request:

Currently, Kansas State University has an ongoing USDA special project on the ecology of E. coli O157:H7 in beef cattle and the environment. This bacterial organism is a major cause of food-borne illnesses in humans. The university plans to expand its investigations into (1) the ecology of Salmonella in beef cattle, (2) antimicrobial resistance in cattle, and (3) agroinformatics and animal health diagnostics. These four areas of research have great overlap and synergy and will allow Kansas State University to better identify emerging threats of Foodborne and zoonotic diseases associated with food-producing animals.

Kansas State University: Water Conservation, KS

Request Amount: \$500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Kansas State University
110 Anderson Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

Explanation of the request:

This effort is critical to the economic viability of western Kansas. In many parts of western Kansas, freshwater from both surface and groundwater is increasingly in short supply. Drought, aquifer, and surface water depletion and population shifts have stretched community and regional water supplies to their limits. As groundwater supplies decline or become cost prohibitive, better management of water through conservation, recycling, and treatment of poor quality water for secondary uses becomes even more important. The goals of this project are to help: 1) agricultural producers, both crop and livestock; 2) rural communities in water-short areas; and 3) state and regional agencies to implement economical technologies and policies that will result in water conservation and prolong the life of the Ogallala aquifer in the face of increasing competition for declining aquifers and over-allocated surface waters.

Kansas State University: Karnal Bunt, Manhattan, KS

Request Amount: \$541,185

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Kansas State University
110 Anderson Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

Explanation of the request:

Karnal Bunt (KB) is a disease of wheat that is caused by the fungus *Tilletia indica*. Although yield losses are negligible, KB is economically important because more than 40 international trading partners currently have quarantine restrictions on imports of grain with KB. Although total deregulation of KB is scientifically justified, international quarantine deregulation is a slow and complex process. Past funded breeding programs have been successful and developed an array of resistant breeding lines. These lines are now in final stages of testing prior to variety release. As Karnal Bunt research is nearly completed, we request these funds be transitioned to address new, more critical disease threats, such as cereal rust diseases. Since 2001, other serious challenges to wheat crop health have emerged, including new virulent races of stripe and leaf rust and the African stem rust race of Ug99 and its variants. Resources are needed to address these critical disease issues and vulnerabilities in U.S. cereal production.

Kansas State University: National Agriculture Biosecurity Center, Kansas

Request Amount: \$1,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

Kansas State University
110 Anderson Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

Explanation of the request:

Kansas State University requests funding for the NABC for Phase III efforts for the development, enhancement, and delivery of a targeted National Animal Health Laboratories Network (NAHLN) technical training support program. The funding is required to: (1) build and populate a lessons learned/best practices from NAHLN lab exercises and events; (2) expand animal health diagnostic screening capabilities regionally, including endemic and emerging pathogens (viruses, bacteria, and parasites) as well as prions such as BSE; (3) increase the testing capability and capacity of the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL) in support of the NAHLN mission by conducting research on new methodologies and standardized operating procedures for enhancing and improving the efficiency of NAHLN equipment and laboratories; and (4) develop a training strategy framework for NAHLN laboratories.

Kansas State University: Wheat Genetic Research, KS

Request Amount: \$1,300,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Kansas State University
110 Anderson Hall
Manhattan, KS 66504

Explanation of the request:

Wheat is the world's most important grain for human nutrition, but genomics and Biotechnology research have lagged behind. The WGGRC is leading an international effort to map and sequence the wheat genome. The WGGRC gene bank currently maintains 12,000 lines and these collections are continuously expanding as the Center acquires, develops, and distributes new genetic and genomic resources to facilitate wheat genetics, genomics, and breeding research. Kansas State University and Kansas wheat producers have already made an investment of almost \$1.0 million towards the purchase of a DNA sequencer and a robot for arraying and printing of DNA filters. This request will collect, conserve, and distribute wheat genetic and genomic resources; develop improved germ plasm; develop genetic stocks; develop genomic resources; and support training and outreach

Kansas State University, Grain Sorghum, KS, TX**Request Amount:** \$1,500,000**Intended Recipient of Funds:**

Kansas State University
110 Anderson Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

Explanation of the request:

Kansas State University, along with Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University, initiated the GPSIUC in 2006. The focus of the center is on genetic improvement; production systems to enhance water and nutrient use; innovative strategies to provide improved weed control; utilization of sorghum in human food products, animal feed, and as a bioenergy and industrial feedstock; plus marketing and policy analysis in support of the US sorghum industry. Sorghum seed companies are rapidly integrating new technology released by the GPSIUC into their seed offerings, with the first commercial hybrids expected to be available in 2011. Increased funding for FY '10 will permit GPSIUC to expand existing research and educational programs, particularly in genetic improvement and sorghum utilization. Sorghum is one of the most drought tolerant crops in the world, offering many potential advantages as a food, feed and bioenergy crop to the rural economies of the Great Plains.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE***NeighborhoodsNOW Crime and Safety Initiative*****Amount Requested:** \$500,000**Intended Recipient of Funds:**

Community Foundation of Wyandotte County
755 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101

Explanation of the request:

Will help reduce crime in three Kansas City neighborhoods [Douglas-Sumner, St. Peter Waterway and downtown KC] through increased community policing, offender re-entry programs and other anti-crime/public safety initiatives.

DEFENSE

The University of Kansas: Superconducting Quantum Information [QI] Technology

Amount Requested: \$4,900,000

Intended Recipient of Funds

The University of Kansas [James A. Roberts, PhD, PE]
Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences
Eaton Hall, Room 3032, 1520 W. 15th St.
Lawrence, KS 66045

Explanation of the request:

The ability to solve certain DOD intelligence problems which are currently intractable will dramatically enhance DOD's effectiveness against certain threats in the cyber arena. This new approach to addressing these problems will begin the development of Quantum Mechanical (QM) device technology that will lead to the next generation of microelectronics. Coupling this with a unique architecture promises to provide a capability to solve certain intelligence problems in minutes that would take an ordinary computer thousands of years. The purpose of this program is to exploit the special properties of superconducting devices and technology to provide a basis for addressing critical national security intelligence needs by developing the basic building blocks of a scalable Quantum Information processor. This will be accomplished by moving toward an affordable, scalable, and manufacturable technology based on the superconducting components to be investigated on this program. This will lead to a new paradigm in the implementation of large scale quantum mechanical systems with unique capabilities unsurpassed by conventional technology.

In FY10, research includes:

- investigating new materials to advance the state of the art in Josephson Junction technology (the fundamental electronic device for QI processors)
- Develop and exploit new fabrication techniques and processes to enable large scale manufacture of qubits
- Develop modeling and simulation techniques to facilitate design, fabrication, and test of advanced qubits

ENERGY and WATER

Upper Turkey Creek, KS

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kansas City District
601 E. 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Explanation of the request:

Flooding on Turkey Creek has caused millions of dollars in damages and threatened lives for many years. The funding is for a comprehensive feasibility study of the Upper Turkey Creek watershed to recommend a plan to reduce flood damages in the City of Merriam, and Wyandotte County, KS.

The study area covers 20 square miles of the Turkey Creek watershed in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties, upstream of the lower Turkey Creek flood damage reduction project in the Kansas Cities, Kansas and Missouri. The upper segment is 15 miles of channel flowing through a fully urbanized area. The study examines a full range of measures to reduce recurring flood damages in the watershed, and also to recommend environmental measures in the channel to improve habitat and water quality. Funds are to complete the feasibility study and obtain Civil Works Review Board approval.

Brush Creek Basin, KS & MO

Amount Requested: \$262,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kansas City District
601 E. 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Explanation of the request:

The Brush Creek Feasibility Study is a bi-State comprehensive study of the Brush Creek Watershed in Johnson County, Kansas and Jackson County of Kansas City, Missouri. This study will examine a full range of measures to reduce recurring flood damages in the Brush Creek watershed, as well as improve economic development opportunities, water quality, habitat restoration, and recreation. The study has taken a multi-purpose and integrated watershed approach in considering these opportunities that will serve as a model for other regional watershed coordination efforts. The products of this study will be a well coordinated watershed management plan, as well as recommended beneficial improvements that can be implemented by the most appropriate among local, State or Federal agencies as best fits their mission and resources. In this manner a strong coalition can be formed that will optimize use of taxpayer funds and work together toward common goals.

Missouri River Degradation, MO & KS

Amount Requested: \$295,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kansas City District
601 E. 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 66101

Explanation of the request:

The feasibility study will investigate progressive streambed degradation in the Kansas City reach and other areas of the Missouri River. Degradation of the streambed is most severe in Kansas City on the Missouri and affecting the Kansas River, adversely impacting water intake structures and potentially the Federal levees and bank stabilization project on the River. The study would consolidate and evaluate sedimentation, erosion, hydraulic and channelization data from prior reports, determine degradation causes, and evaluate potential alternatives for corrective action. Funds are needed to continue the Feasibility Study in 2010. The purpose of the study to determine the predominant causes of degradation and propose systemic project solutions.

Kansas City, MO & Kansas City, KS

Amount Requested: \$2,700,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kansas City District
601 E. 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Explanation of the request:

Funding is for a comprehensive feasibility study of the Metropolitan flood protection system on the Missouri and Kansas Rivers in the Kansas City area. The levee and floodwall system extends over 60 miles in length along the rivers and protects a combined investment estimated at over \$20 billion. The study was initiated after observations from the Great Flood of 1993 to make recommendations to improve the reliability of the levee system. The Feasibility Study Phase I was completed in 2006 recommending plans (subsequently authorized in 2007) to improve the reliability of the Fairfax and Kaw Valley levees in Kansas, and also for Missouri levee units. The Feasibility Study on the remaining levee units in Phase II continues through 2010, including the Armourdale and Central Industrial District levees in Kansas. Funds are needed to complete the Feasibility Study, independent peer review, and Civil Works Review Board approval. Funds are also needed to progress design phases for the levee units approved and authorized under Phase I, those being the Fairfax Floodwall and portions of the Kaw Valley Drainage District Levee in Kansas, as well as some Missouri units.

Turkey Creek Basin, Kansas City, KS & MO

Amount Requested: \$12,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kansas City District
601 E. 12th St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Explanation of the request:

The lower Turkey Creek project is a bi-State project to provide flood damage reduction in the lower two miles of the Turkey Creek Basin along SW Boulevard commercial /industrial corridor. Recurring flash floods from Turkey Creek impacts a large commercial and transportation corridor in both Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas, causing millions of dollars in damages and threatening lives along SW Boulevard, Interstate 35, and in the Central Industrial District. Continued work includes new railroad bridges, channel improvements, stormwater interceptors and a levee to provide increased flood protection to the area. Funding will be to advance construction of these features. Rehabilitation of the Turkey Creek Tunnel is being completed in 2009.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT

Territorial Kansas Heritage Alliance dba Freedom's Frontier National Heritage

Request Amount: \$250,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Territorial Kansas Heritage Alliance dba Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
947 New Hampshire Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Explanation of the request:

This heritage area is a grassroots-driven area with broad participation and support from governments, organizations and individuals throughout the designated area. Appropriate sites will be connected by common themes such as the slavery question, the role of the rivers and trails, the quest for land and natural resources, and the ongoing effort to define freedom in a twenty-first century world. Visitors will tour individual sites, experience the geography, and be immersed in the stories with the goal of fostering increased understanding of this important part of our nation's history. Freedom's Frontier will also pull together regional assets where examination of the definitions of freedom will become ongoing inquiries. There will be increased scholarly and policy consideration of the identified themes of settlement, Missouri-Kansas Border War, and the enduring struggle for freedom. Pride in place and economic development will be stimulated from this coordinated effort. This work is in preparation for bringing greater awareness of the pre-Civil War stories in the commemoration of the beginning of the Civil War in 2011 and beyond.

23rd and Ousdahl - Stormwater Improvements

Amount requested: \$1,100,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Lawrence
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Explanation of the request:

The City of Lawrence is requesting \$1,100,000 for stormwater improvements at the intersection of 23rd Street and Ousdahl Road. This area is a major stormwater challenge during large rain events, seriously impeding traffic on one of the busiest east-west arterials in Lawrence, and affecting commerce. The ability for emergency vehicles to travel and access this area is also impaired. Once funding is obtained, this project could be completed in one construction season.

83rd St. - Somerset Drive Drainage

Amount requested: \$1,375,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Prairie Village, KS
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Explanation of the request:

Construction of a new storm pipe in 83rd Street to a terminus on Somerset Drive. The new pipe will re-direct the water flow from an existing street culvert to an existing culvert on Somerset Drive. The new pipe will by-pass an open channel that is in the backyards of several privately owned properties and subjects the lawns to flooding on multiple occasions each year. On rare occasions with exceptionally large rainfall, water will enter homes. The new pipe will be entirely within the street right-of-way. Design is complete and documents are prepared for bidding the project.

North Kansas City, Kansas, Water Main Replacement Project

Amount requested: \$1,500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Kansas City, Kansas
701 N. 7th St.
Kansas City, KS 66101

Explanation of the request:

Kansas City, Kansas continues to face increasing costs resulting from the failure of old, deteriorating water mains and related infrastructure. The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is constantly repairing these lines, at a cost of over \$1 million annually. While the Kansas City BPU is doing what it can to replace these older water mains, there is simply not enough in the budget to make real progress without raising rates. The Water System has over 65 miles of small diameter (1/2 inch and 2 inch) galvanized and cast iron water mains that are deteriorating beyond repair. The total cost to replace the smaller mains and provide additional fire protection in these areas is approximately \$20,000,000. The leaks from this piping accounts for approximately 80 % of all leak repairs. BPU has implemented a program to replace the piping with approximately \$400,000 per year, but estimate a minimum of \$2,000,000 per year is necessary to provide the needed replacement within the next 10 years. These aging lines are concentrated in northern areas of Kansas City, Kansas, and include some the regions poorest neighborhoods. The availability of safe, clean drinking water for all residents and businesses is of critical importance to any community. In addition, ruptured water lines have the potential to create sinkholes that present a risk to the health and safety those living and working in these areas.

5th and Maple Stormwater Pump Station

Amount requested: \$3,025,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Lawrence
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Explanation of the request:

The project would include a lift/pump station and piping to discharge stormwater from North Lawrence to the Kansas River. This project would provide benefit to over 1,500 residents of North Lawrence, including commercial and industrial based companies of North Lawrence. This project is the most critical improvement for this area of Lawrence. Flooding occurs at every level of rain event and the area cannot drain to the Kansas River unless pumped over the levee. There are significant impacts to transportation, property and quality of life.

Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant, Water Treatment Plant Renovations

Amount requested: \$3,437,500

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of DeSoto, Kansas
32905 West 84th St.
DeSoto, KS 66018

Explanation of the request:

The City of De Soto's project is intended to refurbish the City's current water treatment plant used to provide potable water supply to its current and future public water customers. The refurbishment project will replace aging and failing water production equipment and systems, some of which dates back to the plant's original construction during the WW II era.

Watershed Management Program

Amount requested: \$10,450,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Lenexa
12350 W. 87th Parkway
Lenexa, KS 66215

Explanation of the request:

The City of Lenexa has embarked on a 10-year major capital improvement program to protect life and property, reduce flood risks, improve environmental quality and provide multi-use natural spaces for citizen use. The Program, which centers on a watershed-based approach to stormwater management, will protect water quality and reduce the impact of development on local streams. It calls for a system of (1) protected streamways that include a protected 100-year floodplain modeled for the ultimate build-out, (2) three new retention facilities (i.e., lakes) to reduce known structural flooding due to urbanization ranging in size from 10 to 35 acres accompanied by wetlands and infiltration galleries for sustainability of the lakes, and (3) multipurpose detention facilities located in various locations throughout the City providing both active and passive recreation opportunities as well as education opportunities. The FY 2010 appropriations request of \$10,450,000 reflects the federal match portion of the cost of capital improvements of \$19,000,000 within the Mill Creek Watershed. The Watershed Program is prepared to construct as soon as possible. The capital improvements include a (1) retention facility to reduce known structure flooding while improving water quality (Lake of the Prairie) and (2) stream stabilization and storm drainage improvement projects to protect public infrastructure while reducing residential flooding.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION

Health Literacy Project

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Riverview Health Services
722 Reynolds Ave.
Kansas City, KS 66101

Explanation of the request:

The mission of Riverview Health Services is to facilitate access to healthcare services and to provide health literacy services for individuals who are indigent, uninsured or underinsured. Riverview has designed programs to help with gaps in the current safety net system. Riverview Health Services provides services aimed at eliminating barriers to receiving health care, including needs assessments; referrals to safety-net health care systems, medical case management, enrollment of clients in Medicare D, enrollment in pharmaceutical patient assistance programs for medications, patient education designed to enhance the ability of client's to manage their medications, meal plan and lifestyle to improve quality of life and prevent health complications. In an effort to increase client's ability and understanding to self-manage their illnesses, Riverview has developed a health literacy project and has added an experienced RN educator to implement our health literacy focus. The educator has developed non-traditional teaching strategies and tools to work with clients to equip them with the knowledge and skills they can utilize to self-manage their disease and improve their health outcomes. The health educator has also provided diabetes survival skills education for a promotora to work with the large Hispanic population in the area. Medical management of poor diabetes/hypertension control is provided by advanced practice nurses under protocols with area physicians.

Donnelly College Computing Hardware and Software**Amount Requested:** \$236,460**Intended Recipient of Funds:**

Donnelly College
608 N. 18th St.
Kansas City, KS 66102

Explanation of the request:

This project equips Donnelly College with computing hardware and software to provide 172 workstations for instructional and open-lab usage. The workstations will be configured using ThinClient architecture to minimize maintenance and improve energy efficiency. Additionally, the project provides 8 individual classrooms with instructional technology equipment to support academic programs and direct instruction.

Electronic Medical System/Electronic Medical Records**Amount Requested:** \$540,000**Intended Recipient of Funds:**

Swope Health Qundaro
2627 Brown Avenue
Kansas City, KS 65104

Explanation of the request:

Swope Health Services seeks to effectively meet the often conflicting demands of payors, regulators, and patients by utilizing an Electronic Medical System (EMS) that will fully integrate with an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system. An EMR system would help Swope Health service providers better manage the health of patient populations.

The clinic would place workstations inside each patient room to provide access by nurses and administrative staff. The EMR system would also help gather the information necessary to establish care guidelines for patient group requiring proactive disease management. In addition, an EMR system will help Swope providers manage their overhead expenses and improve their revenues with more timely, complete, reimbursement for services delivered, allowing them to better respond effectively to rapidly changing requirement from Medicare, Medicaid and other government agencies that fund and support the mission of the organization.

Services to Runaway, Homeless and other High-Risk Youth

Amount Requested: \$540,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

TLC for Children and Families
480 S. Rogers Road
Olathe, KS 66062

Explanation of the request:

TLC is seeking program support to strengthen its continuum of services to runaway, homeless and other high risk youth and their families in Johnson County, Wyandotte County, Miami County, and parts of Douglas County, Kansas. TLC's continuum of services for troubled youth, ranging from home-based early intervention available 24 hours a day to its emergency shelter, is truly unique in the State of Kansas. The youth served by TLC's programs are often those who may be dealing with an array of intensified family issues or other conflicts that include a history of substance use and abuse, mental health issues, low self-esteem, and anxiety related difficulties. Without early and effective intervention, these youth may become involved or further involved with the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. Worse yet, they may fall prey to further victimization. Although many of the youth may enter the system for committing a crime, some of these youth are also survivors of child abuse or neglect including sexual abuse and exploitation. Thanks to TLC and the strong network of volunteers and employees that make it thrive, there is a safety net of services available to meet the needs of these young people. TLC operates the only community-based emergency and temporary shelter for adolescents in Johnson County, Kansas, and surrounding areas. Often adolescents from neighboring Wyandotte County, Miami County, and Leavenworth County are placed in TLC's Emergency Shelter/Youth Residential Center II (YRCII) due to limited options for these youth.

Clinical Office Space

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

The University of Kansas Hospital
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66160

Explanation of the request:

The University of Kansas Hospital seeks a continued a federal partnership to support its faculty outreach to the state of Kansas and Western Missouri. A critical need is additional, modern and convenient clinical office space to support the clinical faculty and access to their services. Currently, there are clinics spread throughout the hospital and medical center complex, complicating access and intimidating many from even trying.

There is a commitment to build a new structure on the Wyandotte County campus with 4 to 8 stories depending on financing, with the capacity to handle more than 200,000 outpatient visits per year. The building would house clinics of nine different areas: Otolaryngology; Neurosurgery; Pediatrics; Family Medicine; OB/GYN; Psychiatry; Internal Medicine; Orthopedics; and Urology. The clinics annually serve patients from almost every county in Kansas and most in Western Missouri. In fact, more than 25% of the patients coming to these specialty clinics come from outside the Greater Kansas City MSA. The total number of patients for these specialty clinics is projected to grow nearly 30 percent by 2016, adding to the stress on the current aged clinics. An agreement with the physicians to add more clinic hours in their practices will improve access. A new clinical building without the intimidating maze of buildings to walk through and a simplified parking structure parking will further improve access to academic medicine from all of Kansas and Western Missouri.

Psychiatric Neurosciences Center

Amount Requested: \$2,000,0000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

KVC Behavioral Health Care
21350 W. 153rd St.
Kansas City, KS 66061

Explanation of the request:

KVC plans to build a state-of-the-art Psychiatric Neurosciences Center adjacent to Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC) and Kansas University Hospital (KUH) resulting in the transfer of all existing KUH psychiatric beds to this new facility. This collaboration unites the vast mental health and psychiatric hospital expertise of KVC with a major academic and nationally recognized research institution with the medical subspecialty expertise of KUMC and KUH. The resulting Psychiatric Neuroscience Center holds great promise for advances in the fields of mental health and neurosciences, and this new teaching affiliate hospital also will serve as a strong attraction for physicians to Kansas.

TRANSPORTATION-HOUSING and URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Smart Moves: Updating the Regional Transit Plan for Metropolitan Kansas City

Amount Requested: \$214,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway, Suite 200
Kansas City, MO 64105

Explanation of the request:

Local officials and the public have identified the need to update the region's transit plan, Smart Moves, to incorporate more current efforts to pursue light rail, commuter rail and bus rapid transit services for the metro area. The public has expressed support for expanded transit services, but has identified the need to better define services and expected costs to allow for an equitable funding strategy to be developed and implemented. The plan is expected to define expanded transit services, costs and a revenue strategy to serve the metro area.

Visitation and Exchange Center, Douglas County

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Kansas Family and Children's Foundation
618 Commercial
Emporia, KS 66801

Explanation of the request:

The goal of this project is to construct a facility to house the Visitation and Exchange Center (VEC) of Douglas County, Kansas, operated by TFI Family Services, Inc., a Kansas-based, notfor-profit agency. The facility would be located on land owned by the Kansas Family and Children's Foundation (KFCF). The site currently includes Sunshine Acres, a Montessori School, a program that is also supported by KFCF. The VEC is presently housed in a leased facility that cannot continue to absorb increasing current and projected service demands. Currently available resources for this highly valued and needed service are very limited; in addition, state grants impose limits that restrict ability to cover facility costs. Families in need of this service have very limited financial resources and often present with many social, health, and personal problems. The VEC is dedicated to assuring availability of services to these families and assesses fees based on family income. These factors preclude meeting family's needs by absorbing increased leasing costs.

Core functions:

The Visitation and Exchange Center supports and supervises visits with and exchanges of children whose parents are no longer residing together. The services provided assure that a non-residential parent is able to maintain safe and positive contact with his/her children during times of temporary or ongoing separation due to pending divorce, concerns for safety, or other disruptive circumstances. Ancillary family-centered services are also provided to promote family strengths for addressing problems that may jeopardize the family members' safety and ability to solve personal and emotional problems. Such services may include: mental health treatment; substance abuse treatment; marital counseling; family mediation; parenting training; Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPPS) training; family-centered training; Resource Family Foster Care Support services, and; adoption services.

Service Description:

Monitored exchange services are a neutral drop off and pick up for parenting time. Parents do not have contact during these exchanges, reducing both domestic violence risks and children's exposure to parental violence or conflict. Supervised visitation services are held on-site between a parent and child(ren) with a trained staff monitoring and documenting the visit. During visits, staff facilitates positive activities, nurturing relationships, reducing batterer or abuser tactics, and enhancing parenting skills. There is a trained security officer on duty for all on-site visitation and exchange activities at the VEC. These are current or former law enforcement officers who are trained to de-escalate situations and respond immediately and effectively to any threat or concern. Family violence, alcohol/drug abuse, child abuse/neglect, mental illness, and abduction risks are addressed to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and families to develop relationships and assure family connections.

Service Volume:

In 2007, there were no security incidents at the VEC. However, within Douglas County in 2007, the Lawrence Police Department reported 105 violations of protective orders, 41 interference with parental custody type filings, and over 579 domestic battery type filings (www.lawrencepolice.org). While acknowledging that the children's safety must be maintained, the VEC asserts that positive and nurturing parenting time will benefit children throughout their lives. The VEC is the only facility of its kind in Douglas County and the surrounding region. From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, the VEC provided 439 supervised visits and 405 monitored exchanges, serving a total of 197 children from 130 families. The VEC had contact with an additional 83 families but was unable to serve these families due to various reasons, including one or both parties not completing intakes, incarceration, and referral to other centers.

Fostering Community Connections:

The VEC Coordinator has also fostered collaborations with other local child placement agencies (CPA) which have begun referring families in need of visitation services as part of family permanency/preservation services or ordered as part of their aftercare plans. This is a major accomplishment for the VEC as staff has developed these relationships to go above the state CPA contracts by facilitating communication and providing services that best meet the needs of families in this community. Furthermore, the VEC has actively participated in the community Parenting Initiative Project, collaboration between over a dozen local service providers. The VEC Coordinator heads this project for our community service providers to become better educated on best practice methods in parenting education; to increase community awareness of services for collaborative referrals; and to offer more varied and frequent parenting education to this community. This project enhances the VEC's goal of promoting parental effectiveness by providing best practice information for parenting education and developing strategies and referral plans to meet the needs of all family members.

Community Support:

The Visitation and Exchange Center program requires and has available widespread support throughout the community. Leadership of the following public and private agencies has demonstrated their support in the past: Douglas County District Attorney; District Court (Juvenile and Domestic); Douglas County Sheriff's Office; State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services; Lawrence City Police Department; Baldwin City Police Department; Eudora Police Department; Lawrence Public Schools; Citizen's Review Board; Lawrence Memorial Hospital; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Baker University Health Clinic; The Shelter, Inc.; Bert Nash Mental Health Center; Lawrence Family Practice; Success by Six; KVC Behavioral Health Services, and; Women's Transitional Care Services, Inc. Letters of support are attached to reflect the range and nature of valued community stakeholders for this project.

Conclusion:

The Visitation and Exchange Center provides a safe child-friendly setting when divorcing or separating parents must coordinate the responsibility for assuring appropriate contact with their children. The court system overseeing the disposition of these situations requires supervised visitation opportunities for the non-custodial parent in manner that assures the safety of family members and the community at large. Children are also exchanged between parents when joint custody arrangements make most sense for these families.

For both visitation and exchange functions, the presence of security personnel assures respectful, violence-free contacts that offers emotional support for all family members. One of the most volatile situations observed in the community stems from unmanaged contacts between parents in dispute regarding their children. The consequences for the broader community can be tragic and this is well recognized by law enforcement officials, who strongly endorse and support this effort. It is reasonable to request tax payer support for services that both reinforce the value of maintaining family connections and maximize stability even in the most difficult of times and assuring the safety and protection of the broader community as well as family members.

Rock Creek Floodplain Property Purchase/Demolition

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Mission
6090 Woodson
Mission, KS 66202

Explanation of the request:

Continues protection of property as part of long term area flood control project.

Vision Metcalf Street Light Enhancements – Shawnee Mission Parkway to 75th Street

Amount Requested: \$600,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Overland Park
8500 Santa Fe Dr.
Overland Park, KS 66051

Explanation of the request:

The City of Overland Park is seeking \$600,000 to provide new decorative street lights along the main entryway to the City, Metcalf Avenue from Shawnee Mission Parkway to 75th Street. This type of improvement has been identified during our Vision Metcalf project, where over 4,000 citizens provided input about the future redevelopment and look of this corridor. Most of the current street lights in this area are leased from KCPL and show significant signs of wear and deterioration. In addition to decorative street lights, other aesthetic enhancements would be made at selected areas, including the use of illuminated street name signs at traffic signals. These types of improvements are quickly implemented and show the city's interest in bringing the vision to reality.

Lawrence Community Shelter

Amount Requested: \$600,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc.
214 W. 10th St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

Explanation of the request:

There are about 400 homeless individuals and families in Lawrence/Douglas County, Kansas staying in the shelter, camps, cars, and with friends the Lawrence Community Shelter, the single emergency shelter in Lawrence, sleeps 31 adults. Due to the closing on May 1, 2009 of the Salvation Army's emergency shelter, there are 50 or more individuals and families unable to find emergency shelter each night in Lawrence/Douglas County.

The Lawrence Community Shelter has identified a building for purchase and renovation. This request is in keeping with the federal goal of reducing homelessness in the United States. In keeping with the HUD goal to reduce homelessness in America, the Lawrence Community Shelter is requesting \$600,000 in HUD Appropriations to assist in the purchase and renovations of a building to house the shelter and related programs for people experiencing homelessness in Lawrence and Douglas County, Kansas.

The Lawrence Community Shelter is the primary agency working with the chronically homeless, including individuals and families, in both its day and night programs and the main point of entry for all people experiencing homelessness in Lawrence/Douglas County. It served 632 separate individuals, in both the day and night sections of the shelter, in 2008 of which 309 were first time users of the shelter. Demographics of the Lawrence Community Shelter are 69% male; 31% female; 69% white; 16% African American; 10% Native American; 1% Asian; 9% Other; 5% Hispanic; 95% Non-Hispanic; 7% veterans; 55% dealing with substance abuse; 42% disabled; and 39% with mental illness.

The Lawrence Community Shelter divides its programs into day and night services. The day shelter offers daily living services (laundry, storage, telephone and mail, breakfast, AA, art therapy, chiropractor, health education; refuge from extreme weather); and case management with programs for housing, employment, benefits, and intervention (medical and substance abuse). The night shelter offers sleeping space for 31 individuals, evening meal, showers, storage, and substance abuse counseling.

The current building for the Lawrence Community Shelter is inadequate. It is small, old, and cramped. It is not fully handicapped accessible and it is not sufficiently large for the numbers who need a sleeping space each night. The Salvation Army in Lawrence was provisionally sleeping the excess people each night but will permanently close its emergency shelter on May 1, 2009. This means there will be an additional 50+/- people, including some families, on the streets of Lawrence after May 1 with no place to shelter. When the Community Shelter moves into a larger, adequate building it must be able to sleep 100 each night and to provide program support space aimed at moving people out of homelessness.

The current shelter is in downtown Lawrence and on the edge of a historic neighborhood. As a result, it is not in a popular location for businesses and residences and it is not close to the important services for homeless people. It is imperative that the shelter move as soon as possible to a larger facility that will allow for better programs and more humane space (for example, a bed instead of a two inch mat on a cement floor).

The federal government has made a commitment to reducing homelessness in the United States yet funds are limited at all levels of government for bricks and mortar costs. The purchase and renovation or construction of shelter facilities falls heavily on the individual donor, churches, and foundations.

The Lawrence Community Shelter's current operating budget is \$576,000 (\$366,000 direct; \$210,000 indirect) of which 75% is raised from individuals, foundations, and religious groups. There is no support from the State of Kansas. 13% of the budget comes from the City of Lawrence. Federal support comes through Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Services Grant, and FEMA funds comprising 12% of the total budget. The operating budget will increase by 50% on May 1, 2009 when the Salvation Army closes and the Lawrence Community Shelter assumes responsibility for all emergency shelter needs in the city and county.

The Lawrence Community Shelter is seeking to relocate to a larger, more efficient building to sleep 100 or more individuals and families each night and to provide support space for programs to move people out of homelessness. The projected cost of the main building renovations and a construction of a smaller second building for jobs and employment programs is \$2,862,000 including furnishings, bathrooms, showers, commercial kitchen, laundry, beds, tables, chairs, and lockers.

A 17,000 square foot building has been identified for which negotiations are underway for a purchase price expected to be \$1,000,000 at a minimum. The projected \$2,862,000 includes, also, architectural, legal, and engineering fees, and contingency. The renovated building will have sleeping space (emergency and transitional) for single adults and family units, kitchen and dining room, day room(s), meeting room, showers and bathrooms, laundry, storage rooms, and offices for shelter staff and representatives from Kansas Legal Services, the Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center (RADAC), Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, ECKAN (East Central Kansas Community Action Agency) and other collaborating organizations. Especially important, there will be a second building with space for the Lawrence Community Shelter's strong program for onsite employment through its Good Dog! Gourmet Biscuits and Treats project which distributes to area stores and clinics dog treats made and packaged by homeless residents of the shelter. The projected cost of the secondary building, included in the \$2,862,000 total projection, is \$534,000. The majority of funds for the buildings purchase, renovations, construction, and furnishings must be raised without city or state financial support. Matching Funds provided by the State of Kansas, Local Governments, and/or private Foundations or Individuals There are no matching funds provided by the State of Kansas nor the City of Lawrence, Kansas, with the possible exception of Kansas State Tax Credits for individual donors which are awarded to nonprofit agencies on the basis of a competitive process once a year. Application will be made in May 2009 for these Kansas State Tax Credits which, if awarded, are to be given by Lawrence Community Shelter as a match to individual donors. The majority of the \$3,000,000 project goal will come from individual donations and foundation grants. A professional fundraiser, Greenwood Consulting, has been hired to develop the capital campaign for the shelter's relocation. Application will be made to the Mabee Foundation in Tulsa, Oklahoma for matching funds up to \$500,000 once half of the goal, \$1,500,000, is achieved. While Lawrence is a reasonably affluent community, it will be a challenge to raise the necessary funds for the shelter in these difficult economic times.

The Lawrence Community Shelter is the primary center for individuals and the chronically homeless in Lawrence/Douglas County, Kansas. It has a staff of 12 (5 full time and 7 part time). The director has over 30 years experience working with the homeless population in Washington, D.C., Kansas City, Missouri, and Lawrence. The 11 member board of directors has three relocation subcommittees devoted to site, program, and funding. In addition, there are more than 100 volunteers who do many of the tasks demanded at a shelter.

The board has a buyer's agent to help negotiate with the sellers of the identified building, and a fundraising consultant to develop a capital campaign. Assistance in the form of an Appropriations item would help provide shelter for a nearly desperate situation in keeping with the federal HUD goal of reducing homelessness in American communities.

The Lawrence Community Shelter has a record of successfully raising its operating revenue for its growing programs over the past ten years. For example, the shelter's FY 2005 budget was \$268,600 and for FY 2009 it is \$576,030.

The Lawrence Community Shelter is a member of the Lawrence Community Commission on Homelessness (appointed by the Mayor), the Coalition for Homeless Concerns, and the Interfaith Initiative on Homelessness. The shelter is the lead agency for organizing meetings and trainings of the HUD mandated HMIS database for Lawrence/Douglas County.

The shelter has four case management/program areas aimed at solving problems and developing skills to get people out of homelessness. The subtitle of the Lawrence Community Shelter is a path to a positive future. The programs are:

- Job development/employment -- Back to Work job coaching, day labor, and the Joseph Project partially funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to start an entrepreneurial company to employ homeless individuals. The Joseph Project's major product is Good Dog! Gourmet Biscuits and Treats distributed to stores, veterinarians, farmers' markets, and church and public fairs.
- Housing: on site emergency shelter, housing applications to the Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority, referrals and collaborations with local landlords, and an in-house savings programs for guests to accumulate sufficient funds for initial deposits, rent, and utilities
- Benefits: ID replacement, food stamp, disability, Medicaid and other applications, Kansas Legal Services, Department of Motor Vehicles, Social Security Administration, and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS).
- Intervention: alcohol and drug counseling, transportation to detox and rehab programs in Topeka, Johnson County, and Kansas City, KS, AA meeting onsite, referrals and collaborations with DCCCA, RADAC, Valeo, Johnson County Adult Detox Unit, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and others.

In response to the need and due to the extensive presence of substance abuse with people experiencing homelessness, the Lawrence Community Shelter has chosen to be an open facility. It does not administer a breathalyzer which means people who are drinking or taking drugs may sleep at the shelter if their behavior meets the shelter standards. The Community Commission on Homelessness (mayoral appointees) has developed a Vision for Housing the Homeless with stages from Emergency to Permanent Supportive or Independent living. The Lawrence Community Shelter has been designated by this Community Commission on Homelessness as the single emergency level facility for Lawrence's individuals and families. With the closing of the Salvation Army's temporary emergency shelter, the Lawrence Community Shelter is immediately faced with housing a number of people experiencing homelessness that is double its capacity. Through its various programs, experienced staff, fundraising achievement, and caring approach, the Lawrence Community Shelter has become the trusted provider of services in Lawrence/ Douglas County to people experiencing homelessness. To meet this responsibility and to have a better long-range structure for achieving the HUD goal of reducing homelessness, the Lawrence Community Shelter is requesting this Appropriations assistance.

Strangers Rest Baptist Church Community Services Center

Amount Requested: \$968,995

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Strangers Rest Baptist Church
2052 N. 5th St.
Kansas City, KS 66101

Explanation of the request:

To renovate an existing building and establish a Multi-purpose Community Service Center that serves low and moderate-income residents in the areas of Senior Nutrition, Fathering/Parenting Skills, Wellness-Gerontology, Free Legal Clinic, Remedial Education, and General Advocacy.

Transit Security Equipment-Technology – Kansas City, KS

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Kansas City, Kansas
5033 State Ave.
Kansas City, KS 66102

Explanation of the request:

Unified Government Transit is requesting on board cameras, GPS tracking devices for the safety of our passengers and electronic fare boxes so that a universal swipe card can be used on all buses in the Kansas City region. The other transit providers have the fare boxes so coordinating the collection of bus fares is difficult for UGT. Valuable data can also be collected from newer fare boxes which would aid in meeting federal reporting documents.

Downtown Street Realignment and Streetscape Project – Kansas City, KS

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Kansas City, Kansas
701 N. 7th St.
Kansas City, KS 66101

Explanation of the request:

Rehabilitate downtown streets, install new curbs, gutters, drainage pipes, sidewalks and vegetative plantings, and enhanced lighting.

Bus Replacements – Lawrence, KS

Amount Requested: \$1,600,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Lawrence
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Explanation of the request:

Public transportation is a vital service in the Lawrence community. It provides people with an affordable method to travel through Lawrence to employment, education opportunities, health care facilities, and shopping.

State Avenue Corridor – Bus Rapid Transit

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Kansas City, Kansas
5033 State Ave.
Kansas City, KS 66102

Explanation of the request:

The future development of the State Avenue Corridor and Bus Rapid Transit is key and essential to the growth of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. The proposed route begins in Kansas City, Missouri at 10th & Main and travels to the western portion of Wyandotte County where job opportunities are available. This also will tie into other Bus Rapid Transit lines already operating in Kansas City, Missouri, and other BRT lines being planned for Johnson County, Kansas.

Johnson County Transit Facility Upgrade Project

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Johnson County Transit
1701 West 56 Highway
Olathe, KS 66061

Explanation of the request:

JCT's Murray Nolte Transit Facility has served the needs of Johnson County's public transit system since 2001. The facility is home to the administration, operations, and maintenance staff. The facility includes parking for the fleet, as well as fueling and bus cleaning capabilities. The Nolte facility was constructed for a transit operation smaller than today's Johnson County system. Fortunately, the facility was designed with the ability to expand to meet future needs and the future is now. JCT is using a combination of local funds and stimulus funds to make initial repairs to needed areas of the facility, and to expand the canopy that covers the transit fleet. Additional funding is being requested to make necessary expansions to the maintenance area, replace a faulty bus wash, replace a generator, and construct a small maintenance storage building. Estimates have been provided by a contract design and construction management firm. The requested amount covers the maintenance area expansion, bus wash and generator replacement and installation, and construction of small storage building. The cost includes planning and design. Construction can begin within six months of grant acceptance. Local match and ongoing operation of the improvements will be part of the JCT on-going budget. Johnson County Transit is the sole operator of transit for the county, Johnson County provides transit services to the residents of the county (which includes 20 municipalities), and parts of Douglas and Wyandotte Counties in Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri. Communities and residents support Johnson County Transit and have delivered several years of record-breaking ridership increases. Transit ridership in Johnson County has grown annually for multiple years.

Additional service has been added, requiring additional vehicles and maintenance service space. While at-the pump gasoline prices have dropped for the moment (February 2009), transit ridership in Johnson County has continued to increase. Improvements to transit have been ranked in the top five of county resident surveys since 2001.

Improving the maintenance facility will enable JCT to continue delivering more and better service to county residents and commuters. Public transit remains a growing and strongly supported element of county government. County residents have been accessing transit to commute to jobs, shop, go to school, and go to medical appointments. A successful transit system supports the community's growth and well-being, not to mention supporting air quality initiatives and reduced oil consumption. The improvements to the transit facility will allow JCT to continue to grow and serve the area's commuters. This project is a part of the Johnson County Transit Five Year Strategic Plan as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2008.

KCATA Bus Facility Upgrades

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
1200 East 18th St.
Kansas City, MO 64108

Explanation of the request:

The residents of the greater Kansas City area rely each day on KCATA's services to reach jobs, health care, and other important destinations. Increased use of public transportation also eases congestion on the area's roads. With Congressional support, the KCATA system has grown over the years and federal funds have been put to good use. This program in particular has allowed KCATA to greatly enhance operating efficiency, maintain its bus maintenance capacity and reduce operating costs. To keep this effort going, however, there must be a continuous program of replacement and expansion of KCATA's bus maintenance and administrative facilities.

Bus Replacements, Expansion and Bus Facilities – Kansas City, KS

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Kansas City, Kansas
5033 State Ave.
Kan, KS 66102

Explanation of the request:

It is important that we continue to provide safe, dependable transit service to the residents of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. Ridership increased to an all time high of 1.4 million passengers during FY2008 and because of growth there are many job opportunities in the county. It is important that we continue to replace buses, expand service and maintain our bus facility.

K-7 Corridor Environmental Study – 183rd Street to 1119th Street

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Olathe
100 East Santa Fe
Olathe, KS 66061

Explanation of the request:

As Olathe and Johnson County grow, there will be significant pressures for north/south traffic capacity in western growth areas. Kansas Highway 7 has been identified as a key component for this need. Though the K-7 improvement is still years away, the City is already experiencing development pressures in the area. In fact, the City has purchased right-of-way from a new development to offset potential future impacts from the K-7 project. It is imperative that an in depth environmental study be conducted, so the city can responsibly plan for the project and area growth. Investment now will help offset costs in the future. Commercial development opportunities along the route continue developing. Unfortunately, these investments are being hampered by the uncertainty surrounding the ultimate path the roadway will take and the amount of right of way needed. The study will allow for the route designation, and as important, allow economic development projects to move forward.

Johnson County Transit Bus Replacement

Amount Requested: \$3,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Johnson County Transit
1701 West 56 Highway
Olathe, KS 66061

Explanation of the request:

This project is for the replacement of buses for the Johnson County Transit (JCT) fleet as part of an on-going, established capital replacement schedule. The expected life cycle of a heavy-duty transit coach is ten to twelve years. During Fiscal Years 2009 through 2011, JCT will have seventeen (17) thirty and forty-foot transit coaches that will reach their useful life expectancy. This grant request for \$3,000,000 will help fund up to ten (10) replacement buses that will be used in commuter express transit service. All new vehicles will be low-floor, wheel chair accessible, buses that comply with all ADA regulations. Buses are typically delivered 18 to 24 months following the order, so buses ordered in 2010 may not be delivered and placed into service until late 2011 or 2012.

Public transit remains a growing and strongly supported element of county government. County residents have been accessing transit to commute to jobs, shop, go to school, and go to medical appointments. A successful transit system supports the community's growth and well-being, not to mention supporting air quality initiatives and reduced oil consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Replacement vehicles for aging transit coaches will enable JCT to continue to provide in demand services for county residents and commuters. This project is a part of the Johnson County Transit Five Year Strategic Plan as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2008.

31st Street Construction, Haskell Ave. to O'Connell Rd.

Amount Requested: \$3,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Lawrence
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Explanation of the request:

Construction of the extension to 31st Street is essential to distribute traffic from other congested east-west routes in the City. The public would realize improved safety and efficiency of the City's transportation system and the project will result in improved access to local businesses.

75th Street Utility Undergrounding Project

Amount Requested: \$3,600,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Prairie Village
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Explanation of the request:

The elimination of ~2.9 miles of overhead utilities will accomplish the following: mitigate frequent service disruption as a result of adverse weather, falling limbs, automobile accident or routine maintenance; allow for the use of larger conductors therefore decreasing energy waste; free up the right-of-way and eliminate the need for private easements; improve the aesthetics of the community resulting in increased economic development and property values and ultimately increased revenues. This project has the potential to reduce future emergency expenditures related traffic accidents and weather related incidents.

Prairie Village Brush Creek Bike/Pedestrian Trail, Phases II and III

Amount Requested: \$3,750,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Prairie Village
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Explanation of the request:

Once completed, the bicycle/pedestrian trail will run through seven of the city's most densely populated single family neighborhoods and create an alternate method of transportation between these neighborhoods, four city parks and the city's largest retail center. The bike/pedestrian trail would serve as an alternative mode of transportation to the city's major shopping center.

Johnson County Transit Bus Expansion

Amount Requested: \$5,440,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Johnson County Transit
1701 West 56 Highway
Olathe, KS 66061

Explanation of the request:

This project is for new, low-floor, ADA accessible buses for the Johnson County Transit (JCT) fleet as part of an on-going service expansion program. Ridership on The JO, JCT's fixed-route commuter express service, has been increasing annually for the past few years. Ridership grew by more than 100,000 in 2008. New routes are placing demands on the transit service and additional commuter coaches are necessary to meet the demand. Buses are typically delivered 18 to 24 months following the order, so buses ordered in 2010 may not be delivered and placed into service until late 2011 or 2012. Public transit remains a growing and strongly supported element of county government. County residents have been accessing transit to commute to jobs, shop, go to school, and go to medical appointments. A successful transit system supports the community's growth and well-being, not to mention supporting air quality initiatives and reduced oil consumption. Expansion transit coaches will enable JCT to continue to provide in-demand services for county residents and commuters. This project is a part of the Johnson County Transit Five Year Strategic Plan as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2008.

KS Highway 10 and Lone Elm Interchange

Amount Requested: \$6,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Lenexa
12350 W. 87th Parkway
Lenexa, KS 66215

Explanation of the request:

The proposed project is an interchange with K-10 Highway at Lone Elm Road. The interchange is an integral component to further development within the city as outlined in the Western Lenexa Study completed in 1997. With the exception of the proposed interchange, most of the corridor improvements identified in the study have either been built or are in the design phase.

More specifically, the project includes the following improvements:

- Construction of a Single Point Urban Interchange where Lone Elm Road intersects with K- 10 Highway. The Lone Elm Road alignment will be offset to the west to reduce the impact on homes in the southeast quadrant of the interchange.
- Over 2 miles of continuous auxiliary lanes between the new K-10 at Lone Elm Road interchange and the existing K-7 interchange and the Woodland Road interchange will be constructed.
- Widening of approximately 4,600 feet of Lone Elm Road to a four-lane arterial street section from 101st Street north of K-10 to 2,600 feet south of K-10.
- Realignment of the frontage road in the southwest quadrant of the interchange to intersect with Lone Elm Road approximately 1,200 feet south of the interchange.

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority Bus Replacement

Amount Requested: \$6,000,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
1200 East 18th St.
Kansas City, MO 64108

Explanation of the request:

The residents of the greater Kansas City area rely each day on KCATA's services to reach jobs, health care, and other important destinations. Increased use of public transportation also eases congestion on the area's roads. With Congressional support, the KCATA system has grown over the years and federal funds have been put to good use. For example, Kansas City has provided a national model for Bus Rapid Transit as a viable alternative for urban corridors.

College Boulevard Improvements, Renner Boulevard to Ridgeview Road

Amount Requested: \$7,250,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Lenexa
12350 W. 87th St. Pkwy.
Lenexa, KS 66215

Explanation of the request:

College Boulevard is an integral part of the transportation network in Johnson County. College Boulevard serves such diverse entities as the Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, the South Lakes Technology Park in Lenexa, and the Kansas Bioscience Park / K-State Olathe Innovation Campus in Olathe. Improvements to the proposed one-mile segment of College Boulevard will provide many benefits to the region, including:

Specifically, the proposed interchange provides:

- improved access to over 352 acres of commercial/retail/business property
- improved access to the proposed Kansas Bioscience Park / K-State Olathe Innovation Campus
- improved access and increased safety of young commuters to the Olathe Northwest High School and College Boulevard Activity Center (Olathe School District).

The economic impact of the park has been projected to include \$150 million in public and private investment and 3,000 new jobs. In addition, this area is projected to accommodate and attract the following economic impact: A small convenience retail center is possible at the northwest corner of Renner and College. Recently approved plans for Corporate Ridge, Phase III are reflecting multi-story office buildings for that 79 acre project which is located north of College, along Lenexa's western corporate limits with Olathe. It is anticipated this office orientation will continue for much of the remaining vacant acreage (143 net acres) at the northwest corner of Renner and College. The existing "College & Renner Corporate Center" is located at the southwest corner of College and Renner Boulevard. About 130 net vacant acres are still available for development to the west and south of this project, most likely developing with traditional business park uses.

Antioch Road Widening, 199th Street to I-435

Amount Requested: \$8,040,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Overland Park
8500 Santa Fe Dr.
Overland Park, KS 66212

Explanation of the request:

This project supports Overland Park's Master Plan by improving access to commercial, office, public land, medium density residential, and residential uses throughout the corridor. This corridor is one of the city's primary north-south thoroughfares. It provides connectivity to Corporate Woods Office Park, with approximately 2,100,000 square feet of office space, and I-435, a transportation backbone and economic lifeline for the City of Overland Park. If fully funded this project could be delivered to construction in early 2010 for a significant economic stimulus.

Metcalf/Shawnee Mission Parkway Transit Service

Amount Requested: \$9,500,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Johnson County Transit
1701 West 56 Highway
Olathe, KS 66061

Explanation of the request:

Johnson County Transit (JCT), in partnership with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), completed an initial feasibility review of a potential Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system on two corridors in Johnson County: Shawnee Mission Parkway/Johnson Drive and Metcalf Avenue. JCT and the Cities of Mission and Overland Park (along with partners including the Kansas Department of Transportation, KCATA, and the Mid-America Regional Council) are currently updating the study with additional information. The current study is focusing on details including a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) operation either on Shawnee Mission Parkway or Johnson Drive. The study is preparing potential ridership estimates, additional options regarding Transit Oriented Development (currently part of the Mission's East and West Gateway Redevelopment Projects) traffic congestion mitigation, housing and economic development scenarios. This funding request is for Phase I implementation of unique transit service along the Metcalf and Shawnee Mission Parkway corridors. The costs are for unique, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) style vehicles, on-street passenger amenities (bus stop areas and shelters designed for the area), and signal priority. The Cities of Mission, Kansas, and Overland Park, Kansas, have embarked on significant planning projects that will include major transit components. Mission has requested JCT's participation and support for transit oriented development (TOD) opportunities proposed in the Gateway studies. Overland Park's Vision Metcalf has brought public support for a significant bus rapid transit style system in that corridor. The plan creates TOD areas along the corridor, and relies on pedestrian and transit traffic for success.

This transit project will be the first in the region that is designed as the development it supports is also being designed and built. Citizens of the two cities spent a considerable amount of time in public sessions explaining to officials what type of community they wanted to live in.

The planned developments in Mission and Overland Park need transit to support their viability. More transit options are important for the County's quality of life, the environment, air quality, and to support growing demand for pedestrian friendly and transit oriented developments. An aging population will continue to expect additional transportation options. As communities move from planning and developing only for the automobile, to embracing TOD, pedestrian traffic, and transit in general, we must be able to react with appropriate planning services and operating systems. Areas, like Mission, are working hard to change codes and requirements so new developments that rely on transit can be successfully completed. A transit oriented development without transit makes no sense, and will not allow the developments to thrive as intended. Area residents have responded to transit options by providing JCT with the highest ridership levels ever. JCT staff has also been working with the cities requesting planning and operating assistance. Transit projects in Mission and Overland Park will take a significant planning effort. Transit is an important component for the success of the redevelopment project. Further, higher population densities, increased employment concentrations and tourism attractions provide an increased market for transit and significantly affect transit use, walking, and ride sharing. This project supports economic development, modal options, and transportation connections to two large-scale development projects in Johnson County. Once in operation, the BRT system will connect people to new job opportunities, new spending opportunities, and new residential opportunities. The system will connect people to jobs in different areas of the metro area and will support a regional transit opportunity for commuters, tourists, and people looking for a different choice in mobility. This project is a part of the Johnson County Transit Five Year Strategic Plan as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2008.

I-35 Fixed Guideway Project – Johnson County

Amount Requested: \$9,166,800

Intended Recipient of Funds:

Johnson County Transit
1701 West 56 Highway
Olathe, KS 66061

Explanation of the request:

Interstate 35 through Johnson County is one of the most congested interstates in the Kansas City metro area. The majority of existing JCT bus service utilizes the I-35 corridor. Expanding the interstate through Johnson County has been deemed as cost prohibitive by the Kansas Department of Transportation. The I-35 corridor is extremely important for the entire bi-state region. Two states, seven counties, and multiple cities benefit from a high-performing interstate system. Likewise, all jurisdictions suffer a poorly performing system.

The I-35 Fixed Guideway Alternatives Analysis Update study was initiated in October 2004, and completed in 2008. The study reviewed alternatives previously studied during the 1998 Major Investment Study (MIS), plus additional transportation technologies not previously studied. The 1998 MIS concluded that a commuter rail option was the most viable alternative for reducing increasing traffic congestion during the next 20 years. Johnson County moved forward with follow-up planning for a potential commuter rail program, but escalating costs required review of that original finding and other congestion mitigation options. Johnson County Transit, in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is updating the original Alternatives Analysis.

This study will update information on previously studied alternatives (such as commuter rail, light rail, additional express bus service, high occupancy vehicle lanes, etc.) and review alternatives not previously studied such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

The I-35 Commuter Rail Project was re-titled in late 2002 as the I-35 Fixed Guideway Project. That identification change was due to the fact that the project study team believed that modal technologies other than, or in addition to, commuter rail may provide the necessary relief to the current I-35 corridor congestion projections. Current ridership projections show that Bus Rapid Transit, costing much less than commuter rail and providing higher ridership, is the modal option that best meets the increasing demand on I-35 at this time. The completed study recommended that a form of BRT that utilizes bus-on-shoulder operation during periods of congestion as the preferred option for I-35 transit expansion. The recommended alternative of bus-on-shoulder transit expansion for I-35 was accepted by the Board of County Commissioners in March 2008. The grant request will procure appropriate vehicles and begin a premium level of express service from two separate routes on I-35. Future phases of the I-35 project will add up to six additional routes that operate on I-35.

The cost estimates for Phase I of the I-35 Fixed Route Project are based on the on-going Implementation Study that is detailing the operational needs of the bus-on-shoulder project. JCT has determined the first routes for the bus-on-shoulder option and the costs estimates are based on new vehicle and park & ride facilities needed for the service. The specific request for Phase I deployment include eleven (11) BRT-style transit vehicles, signal priority to provide queuejumper service, along with intersection and merging priority, and Park & Ride facilities. Actual service could be deployed as early as new vehicles arrive. This project is designed as a phased deployment, so portions of the project can begin, while other portions follow as funding allows. The earliest BRT-style vehicles would be available is most likely 18 to 24 months. Prior to the arrival of vehicles, the project could expend funding on park & ride facility construction, priority signalization, signage, and final shoulder prep. Johnson County, Kansas, by way of this application supports this project. As the sole operator of transit for the county, Johnson County provides transit services to the residents of the county (which includes 20 municipalities), and parts of Douglas and Wyandotte Counties in Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri. Communities and residents support Johnson County Transit and have delivered several years of record-breaking ridership increases. The Kansas Department of Transportation was a partner during the I-35 Alternative Analysis Update study, and remains a partner during the implementation study for the accepted bus-on-shoulder project.

Optimal performance of I-35 is viewed regionally as critical. Movement of goods and passengers along the interstate maintains regional commerce, and is an investment in local, regional and national economic development. This project is a part of the Johnson County Transit Five Year Strategic Plan as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2008.

159th Street and U.S. 69 Interchange Improvements

Amount Requested: \$15,900,000

Intended Recipient of Funds:

City of Overland Park
8500 Santa Fe Dr.
Overland Park, KS 66212

Explanation of the request:

The first transportation priority in Overland Park is continuing the improvements to the U.S. 69 corridor. Overland Park and the State of Kansas have been partnering for over a decade in improvements, and plans for further construction, with a value of several hundred million dollars in infrastructure investment on U.S. 69. The City fully supports efforts by the state, through the Kansas Department of Transportation, to continue that critical investment. U.S. 69 and Interstate 435 provide the transportation “backbones” and economic lifeline for the City of Overland Park.

If fully funded this project could be delivered to construction in early 2010 for a significant economic stimulus. This project is vital to improving the transportation infrastructure related to existing and proposed development along this major north-south corridor in Johnson County, Kansas. With a population of approximately 43,758 people residing within the trade area and an estimated 1,101 business establishments employing approximately 12,594 workers, this major transportation system improvement would address traffic safety, mitigate existing and future congestion, and support future economic development in Overland Park, Johnson County, and the State of Kansas. This project is an important step in developing a viable and effective transportation system serving Kansans now and for years to come.